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Extra-curricular Handbook

This guide has been designed to assist your child in selecting their extra-curricular activities for the upcoming year. If any help or further guidance is needed, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Miss Palfrey (Assistant Headteacher: Enrichment) via 0121 783 7807 or enquiry@hodgehill.bham.sch.uk.



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Art and Painting Club

The Art and Painting Club lets students explore different artistic techniques and materials. Students can develop their creativity while experimenting with drawing, painting, and mixed-media projects.

What Knowledge/Skills Will I Gain?

- Creative thinking
- Artistic techniques and experimentation
- Patience and focus
- Visual communication skills
- Confidence in expressing ideas

Termly Overview

- Weeks 1-3: Skill building activities – such as sketching, shading and colour work
- Weeks 4-7: Themed art projects exploring different styles and techniques
- Weeks 8-10: Developing a personal artwork based on individual ideas
- Weeks 11 – 12: Completing a final piece and preparing it for display or exhibition

How Does It Link to Future Careers?

This club will help support careers in graphic design, illustration, architecture, fashion, marketing and creative industry. It also builds creativity and visual thinking skills that are valuable in many careers.



Axiom Maths Club

Axiom Maths helps develop strong problem-solving and reasoning skills by encouraging students to think deeply about mathematical concepts rather than just memorising methods. Throughout the programme, students build confidence in tackling challenging questions, improve their ability to explain their thinking and learn how to break complex problems into manageable steps.

What Knowledge/Skills Will I Gain?

- Stronger understanding of algebra and problem solving
- Improved logical thinking and reasoning
- Ability to break down complex problems step by step
- Recognising patterns and using strategies to solve problems

Termly Overview

- Weeks 1-4: Focus on core skills such as number operations, basic algebra and understanding key concepts
- Weeks 5-7: Developing problem-solving strategies and applying maths to different types of questions
- Weeks 8-12: Tackling more complex problems and working on challenging and exam-style questions, building independence and confidence

How Does It Link to Future Careers?

- Helps with careers in engineering, finance, science and technology.
- Builds problem-solving skills needed for jobs such as doctor, architect and programmer.
- Builds logical thinking useful in business, law and many other careers.



Basketball Club

The Basketball Club gives students the opportunity to improve their fitness, teamwork, and game skills through training sessions and competitive matches. Students will practice key techniques, build confidence on the court, and enjoy playing as part of a team.

What Knowledge/Skills Will I Gain?

- Teamwork and communication
- Agility, coordination and fitness
- Tactical awareness
- Leadership skills
- Discipline and resilience

Termly Overview

Students attend weekly sessions that allow them to participate in basketball games, which could lead to playing against other schools.

How Does It Link to Future Careers?

This club helps encourage leadership, teamwork, and resilience – which are valuable skills for sports, coaching, fitness careers and any professional workplace.



Bedrock Reading Club

This structured literacy programme supports students in developing vocabulary, reading comprehension, and overall confidence with language.

What Knowledge/Skills Will I Gain?

- Students will enhance vocabulary
- Improve reading comprehension
- Build confidence in understanding and using language effectively across subjects

Termly Overview

Students follow a structured programme that gradually builds vocabulary knowledge and reading skills. Regular practice and assessment help track progress and ensure steady improvement.

How Does It Link to Future Careers?

Strong literacy skills underpin success in all subjects and career pathways, supporting effective communication, critical thinking and lifelong learning.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club provides a calm and welcoming start to the school day where students can relax, socialise, and prepare for learning. It helps students begin the day positively. It also builds good routines and supports wellbeing.

What Knowledge/Skills Will I Gain?

- Social skills
- Positive routines
- Organisation and time management
- Wellbeing awareness
- Responsibility

Termly Overview

Students attend weekly sessions that provide a structured and supportive start to the day. Activities focus on promoting wellbeing, encouraging positive social interactions, and helping students feel prepared and ready for learning.

How Does It Link to Future Careers?

Breakfast Club helps develop important habits such as punctuality, responsibility, and positive social interaction, which are all skills valued in all future workplaces and professional environments.



Chess Club

Chess Club allows students to develop strategic thinking through friendly games and competitions. Students learn how to plan ahead, analyse situations and make thoughtful decisions while improving their problem-solving skills in a supportive and enjoyable environment.

What Knowledge/Skills Will I Gain?

- Strategic thinking
- Problem-solving
- Concentration and focus
- Patience
- Decision-making skills

Termly Overview

- Weeks 1-4: Learning rules and tactics
- Weeks 5-8: Practice games and challenges
- Weeks 9-11: Mini competitions
- Week 12: Tournament

How Does It Link to Future Careers?

Chess helps develop analytical thinking and decision-making skills useful in careers such as law, engineering, finance, technology, and other fields that require strategy and critical thinking.



Computer Science Club

Computer Science Club introduces students to coding, programming and digital problem-solving in a practical and engaging way. Students will explore how technology works while developing logical thinking, creativity, and digital problem-solving skills in a fun and supportive environment.

What Knowledge/Skills Will I Gain?

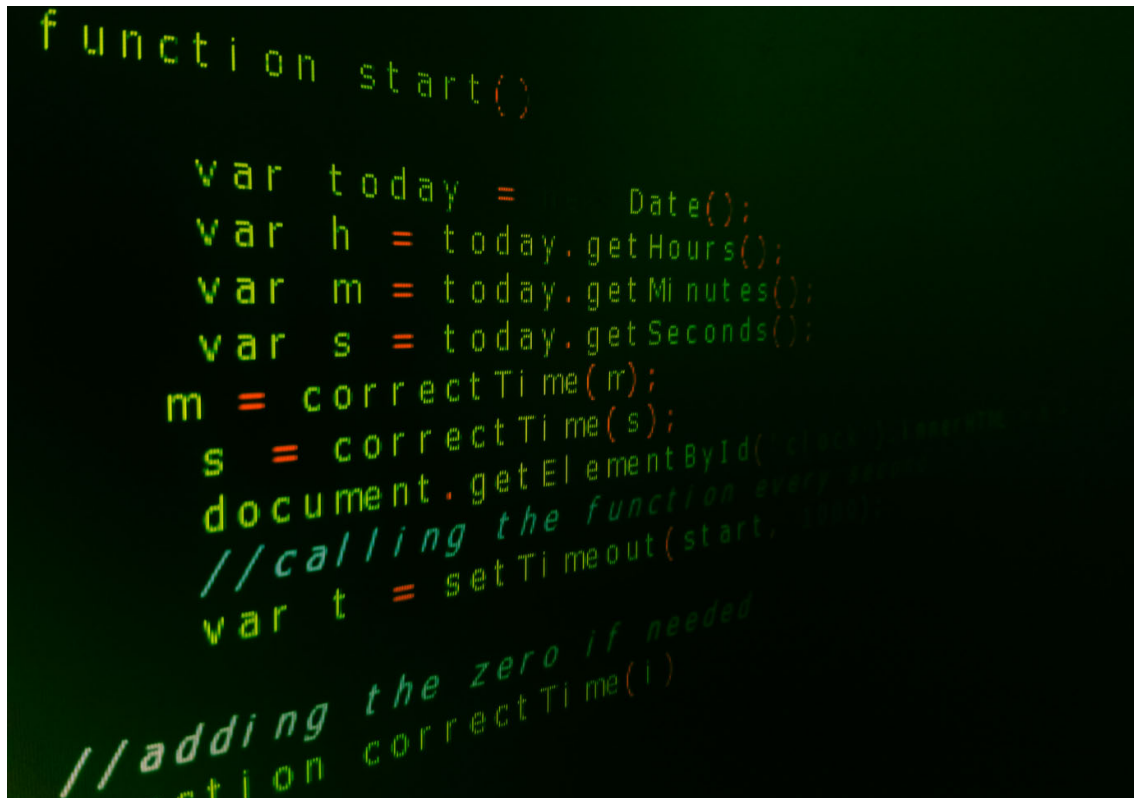
- Coding fundamentals
- Logical thinking
- Debugging skills
- Creativity in technology
- Problem solving

Termly Overview

- Weeks 1-4: Introduction to coding basics, including simple commands and programming logic
- Weeks 5-8: Creating simple programs and experimenting with different coding tasks
- Weeks 9-12: Working on an independent mini project where students design and build their own program

How Does It Link to Future Careers?

Prepares students for careers in software development, cybersecurity, engineering and digital industries.



Cricket Club

Cricket Club develops sporting ability, teamwork and tactical awareness through training and match play. Through training sessions and matches, students practice key techniques and build confidence while enjoying competitive and recreational play.

What Knowledge/Skills Will I Gain?

- Batting and bowling techniques
- Teamwork
- Coordination
- Tactical awareness
- Leadership

Termly Overview

Students will take part in skill-based drills, team training sessions, and match play. Throughout the term, they will develop techniques, practice game strategies and participate in friendly and competitive fixtures.

How Does It Link to Future Careers?

Cricket club helps develop valuable skills such as resilience, leadership, and teamwork. These qualities are important for careers in sport, coaching, fitness, and many professional environments that value collaboration and a strong work ethic.



Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Duke of Edinburgh Award helps students develop resilience, independence, and teamwork through a range of challenging activities. Students take part in volunteering, physical activity and outdoor expeditions, building confidence while learning valuable life skills.

What Knowledge/Skills Will I Gain?

- Leadership
- Problem-solving
- Organisation
- Teamwork
- Independence

Termly Overview

Students will take part in skills training, volunteering opportunities, and expedition preparation. Sessions focus on developing teamwork, planning routes, learning outdoor safety and building the skills needed to successfully complete the award.

How Does It Link to Future Careers?

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is highly respected by employers, colleges and universities. It demonstrates commitment, leadership, resilience, and teamwork – qualities that are valued across a wide range of careers and professional environments.



Football Club

The Football Club gives students the opportunity to develop their football abilities in a structured, supportive environment. Through regular training sessions and matches, participants improve their technical skills, physical fitness and understanding of the game.

What Knowledge/Skills Will I Gain?

- Technical skills
- Teamwork
- Tactical awareness
- Fitness
- Leadership

Termly Overview

Students will participate in weekly matches, competing in 5/7/9/11 a side matches. Pupils will also have the opportunity to play in friendly and competitive matches.

How Does It Link to Future Careers?

The club helps develop teamwork, discipline and leadership skills valued in many careers, especially in sports, coaching and fitness industries.



Food Club

Food Club helps students learn basic cooking skills while building an understanding of nutrition, kitchen safety, and food preparation in a fun, practical environment. Students will develop an understanding of nutrition, kitchen safety, and food preparation while creating a variety of simple dishes. The club encourages creativity, independence, and confidence in the kitchen.

What Knowledge/Skills Will I Gain?

- Cooking techniques
- Food Hygiene
- Time management
- Creativity
- Independence

Termly Overview

Throughout the term, students will practice a variety of recipes and cooking technique. Sessions may include themed cooking activities, learning about different cuisines and practical cooking tasks. Students will also be able to demonstrate their skills through practical assessments and group activities.

How Does It Link to Future Careers?

Food Club helps develop practical and transferable skills useful in many careers. It can support interests in catering, hospitality, nutrition, and the wider food industry, while also building important life skills such as organisation, teamwork, and responsibility.



Handwriting Club

The Handwriting Club helps students improve the quality and presentation of their written work. Through regular practice, students develop clearer handwriting, better control of letter formation, and increase confidence in their written communication.

What Knowledge/Skills Will I Gain?

- Letter formation
- Writing fluency
- Neat presentation
- Attention to detail
- Confidence in written work

Termly Overview

Students take part in structured handwriting activities, including guided practice, copying exercises, and improvement tasks. Progress is monitored throughout the term to help students develop clear and consistent handwriting.

How Does It Link to Future Careers?

Strong handwriting and clear written communication matter in all careers, supporting organisation, professionalism, and effective communication.



History (Drop-in Revision)

History drop in revision provides students with a supportive space to revise key historical topics, improve exam skills, and receive extra help outside lessons. Students can attend to review classwork, practice exam questions, and strengthen their understanding of important historical events and themes.

What Knowledge/Skills Will I Gain?

Students will improve their historical knowledge, revision techniques, and exam skills. They will learn how to analyse sources, structure written answers, and recall key facts and dates. The club also helps develop independent learning, critical thinking and confidence in preparation for assessments and exams.

Termly Overview

At the start of the term, students will focus on revising key topics and organising revision materials. As the term progresses, sessions will include exam practice, source analysis and support with difficult areas of the course. Students may also take part in quizzes and revision activities. By the end of the term, students should feel more confident in their historical knowledge and exam preparation.

How Does It Link to Future Careers?

History develops valuable skills such as research, analysis, communication and critical thinking. These skills are useful for careers in law, teaching, journalism, politics and public services. The club also supports further study in History and humanities subjects.



Library

The library is open to all pupils and provides a quiet, safe environment for reading, research and independent study. It encourages students to develop a love of reading while supporting their academic learning. Students can explore different books, improve their literacy skills and enjoy a calm learning environment.

What Knowledge/Skills Will I Gain?

- Research skills
- Literacy
- Independence
- Focus

Termly Overview

Throughout the term, students will use the library to read, study and complete homework in a quiet environment. At the beginning, they will choose books suited to their interests and reading level. As the term continues, students will take part in activities such as independent reading, research tasks or small group discussions about books. By the end of the term, students should show improved reading confidence, better concentration and stronger independent learning skills.

How Does It Link to Future Careers?

Strong literacy, research and independent learning skills support academic success and are valuable in all career pathways. The library supports success in subjects across the curriculum and helps prepare students for further education.



LRC Craft Club

LRC Craft Club is a creative and relaxing club where students can take part in a variety of arts and crafts activities in the LRC. Students will have the opportunity to design and create different craft projects while developing their imagination and practical skills.

What Knowledge/Skills Will I Gain?

- Improve their creativity, design and practical making skills through activities
- Develop patience and concentration
- Teamwork skills

Termly Overview

At the start of the term, students will explore different craft materials and simple creative activities. As the term progresses, they will work on themed projects using a range of techniques and materials. By the end of the term, students will have completed a variety of projects that showcase their creativity and skills.

How Does It Link to Future Careers?

Craft and creative skills can support careers in art, design, fashion, teaching, and creative industries. The club also develops problem-solving, communication, and teamwork skills that are valuable in many future careers.



Maths Club

Maths Club provides students with the opportunity to explore mathematics beyond the classroom through puzzles, games, and problem-solving activities. It encourages curiosity and helps students develop confidence when tackling challenging mathematical problems.

What Knowledge/Skills Will I Gain?

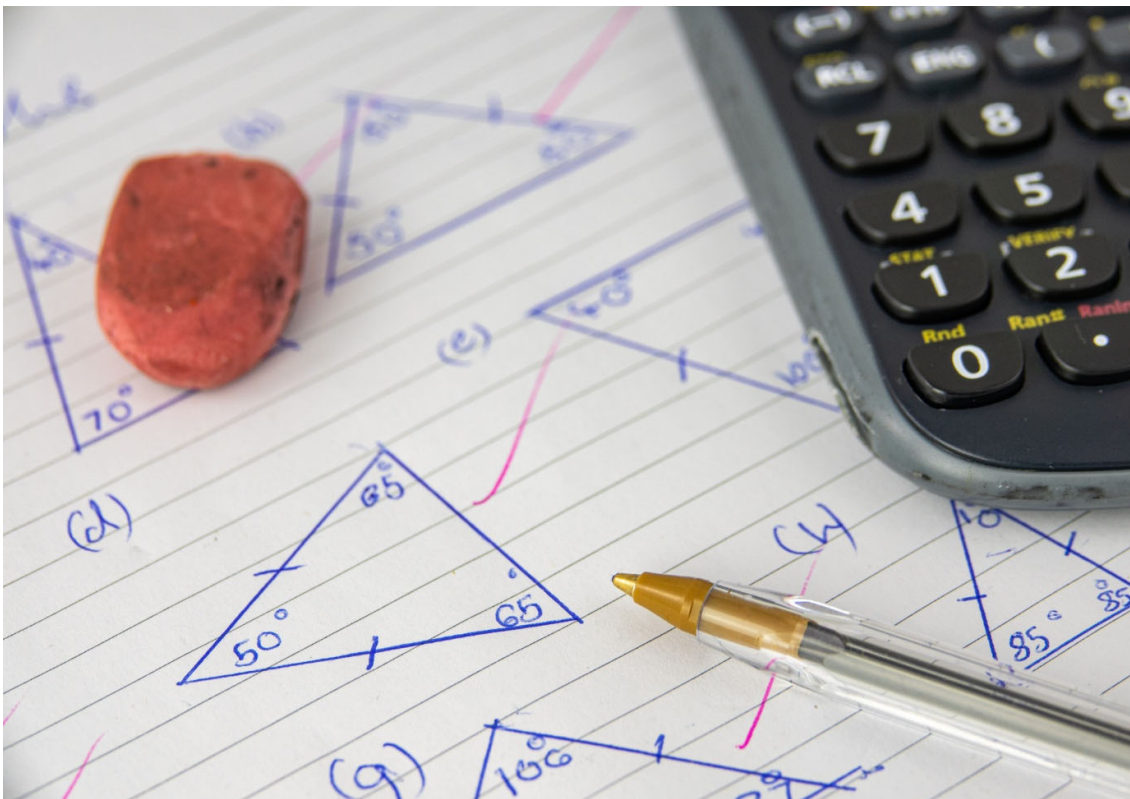
- Logical reasoning
- Analytical thinking
- Resilience

Termly Overview

Students take part in a variety of problem-solving activities, maths puzzles, and challenges designed to develop their mathematical thinking and reasoning skills.

How Does It Link to Future Careers?

Strong maths and problem-solving skills are essential for many careers, particularly in STEM fields such as science, engineering, technology, finance, and data analysis. Maths Club helps build the confidence and analytical thinking needed for these pathways.



Morning Sports Club

Morning Sports Club offers students a positive and energetic start to the school day through physical activity. The club encourages students to stay active, improve their fitness, and enjoy sport in a supportive environment. It is open to all abilities and focuses on participation, enjoyment and fitness.

What Knowledge/Skills Will I Gain?

- Fitness
- Teamwork
- Discipline
- Leadership
- Promotes healthy habits and a positive attitude towards physical activity

Termly Overview

At the start of the term, students will take part in warm-ups and simple activities to build fitness. As the term progresses, they will try a range of sports such as football, basketball and fitness games. Sessions will include skill-building activities and small games. By the end of the term, students should feel fitter, more confident and more engaged in physical activity.

How Does It Link to Future Careers?

The club promotes healthy lifestyle habits and helps develop discipline and teamwork skills that are valuable in many careers. The skills developed, including teamwork, discipline and resilience are also valuable in many other careers.



MFL Duolingo

The MFL duo lingo club helps students learn and practice new languages in a fun and interactive way. Students can explore different languages, improve their vocabulary and build confidence in speaking and understanding a new language.

What Knowledge/Skills Will I Gain?

- Develop language skills such as reading, writing, listening and basic speaking
- Learn new vocabulary, sentence structures and pronunciation
- The club helps improve memory, concentration and independent learning through regular practice

Termly Overview

At the start of the term, students will set up their Duolingo accounts and choose a language to study. As the term continues, they will complete lessons and take part in fun challenges or competitions. By the end of the term, students should show progress in their chosen language and feel more confident using it.

How Does It Link to Future Careers?

Learning a language can open many career opportunities, including travel, business, translation, teaching and intentional work. It also supports further study in MFL subjects and helps students develop communication skills that are valuable in any career.



Performing Arts Club

Performing Arts Club gives students the opportunity to explore acting and stage performance through scripted scenes and creative activities. Students will develop their confidence, express emotions through characters, and work together to prepare engaging performances.

What Knowledge/Skills Will I Gain?

- Character interpretation
- Musical awareness
- Ability to try out new Instruments and skills
- Stage presence
- Confidence and leadership skills
- Team collaboration
- Performance skills

Termly Overview

Students will work with scripts, practice performance techniques and take part in rehearsals throughout the term. Sessions will focus on developing characters, musical ability and refining skills for the classroom and performances.

How Does It Link to Future Careers?

Performing Arts Club supports pathways into careers in theatre, film, radio, and television. It also helps to develop confidence, communication and presentation skills that are valuable in careers such as business, teaching, public speaking, marketing, and other public-facing roles.



Photography Club

Photography Club allows students to develop their creative and technical photography skills. Students learn how to capture effective images and explore different styles of photography while also developing editing techniques. Students learn how to capture high-quality images, explore different photography styles and experiment with composition, lighting and camera settings.

What Knowledge/Skills Will I Gain?

- Creative composition
- Technical camera skills
- Editing skills
- Lighting and exposure techniques
- Attention to detail and observational skills

Termly Overview

Students will take part in practical photography sessions, themed photo shoots and editing projects. They will experiment with different styles and techniques while building a personal portfolio. Opportunities may also include school events, competitions and exhibitions.

How Does It Link to Future Careers?

Photography Club develops creative, technical and digital skills that are valuable across many industries. It provides a strong foundation for careers in photography, journalism, media marketing, social media and many more. This club also helps students build a portfolio, which can support applications for further education and creative career paths.



Reading Club

The Reading Club is a relaxed, enjoyable space where students can read a variety of books and share their thoughts with others. It encourages a love of reading and helps students discover new genres, authors and ideas in a supportive environment.

What Knowledge/Skills Will I Gain?

Students will improve their reading, comprehension and vocabulary skills by sharing opinions and listening to others. The club helps build imagination, focus and confidence in understanding different types of texts.

Termly Overview

At the start of the term, students will choose books that interest them and begin independent reading. As the term continues, they may take part in group discussions, reading challenges or activities based on books they are reading. By the end of the term, students should feel more confident in their reading ability and enjoy exploring a wider range of texts.

How Does It Link to Future Careers?

Strong reading and communication skills are important for all careers. Reading club supports success in school subjects and prepares students for further education. It can also link to careers in writing, journalism, teaching, publishing and many more.



Rounders Club

Rounders Club offers students the opportunity to take part in a fun and active team sport. Students develop their batting, fielding, and teamwork skills while enjoying friendly and competitive games.

What Knowledge/Skills Will I Gain?

- Teamwork
- Coordination
- Strategy
- Communication

Termly Overview

At the start of the term, students will practice basic skills like throwing, catching, and batting. As the term progresses, they will take part in drills, small games, and learn team strategies. Students may also play friendly matches. By the end of the term, students should feel more confident in their skills and understanding of the game.

How Does It Link to Future Careers?

Rounders help build skills such as teamwork, leadership and resilience, which are important in many careers. It also supports interests in sport related pathways such as coaching, PE teaching and sports science. The club can help students develop a lifelong interest in physical activity.



Science Club

Science Club allows students to explore science in a fun and practical way beyond the classroom. Through hands-on experiments and investigations, students develop curiosity and a deeper understanding of scientific concepts. Also, it allows students to discover more topics in biology, chemistry, and physics outside the classroom.

What Knowledge/Skills Will I Gain?

- Scientific enquiry
- Teamwork
- Problem solving
- Observation

Termly Overview

At the start of the term, students will take part in simple experiments and learn important safety rules. As the term progresses, they will explore different scientific topics through hands on investigations and challenges. Activities may include chemistry experiments, engineering tasks or biology investigations. By the end of the term, students will have improved their practical skills and understanding of science.

How Does It Link to Future Careers?

Science Club supports interests in careers such as, medicine, engineering, environmental science and forensic science. The club helps students develop STEM skills that support further study in science subjects and future careers in technology and innovation.



Table Tennis Club

The Table Tennis Club provides students with the opportunity to develop their skills in a fun and supportive environment. Through regular practice sessions and friendly matches, students learn the fundamentals of table tennis while improving coordination and game strategy. The club welcomes both beginners and experienced players who want to improve their techniques and enjoy competitive play.

What Knowledge/Skills Will I Gain?

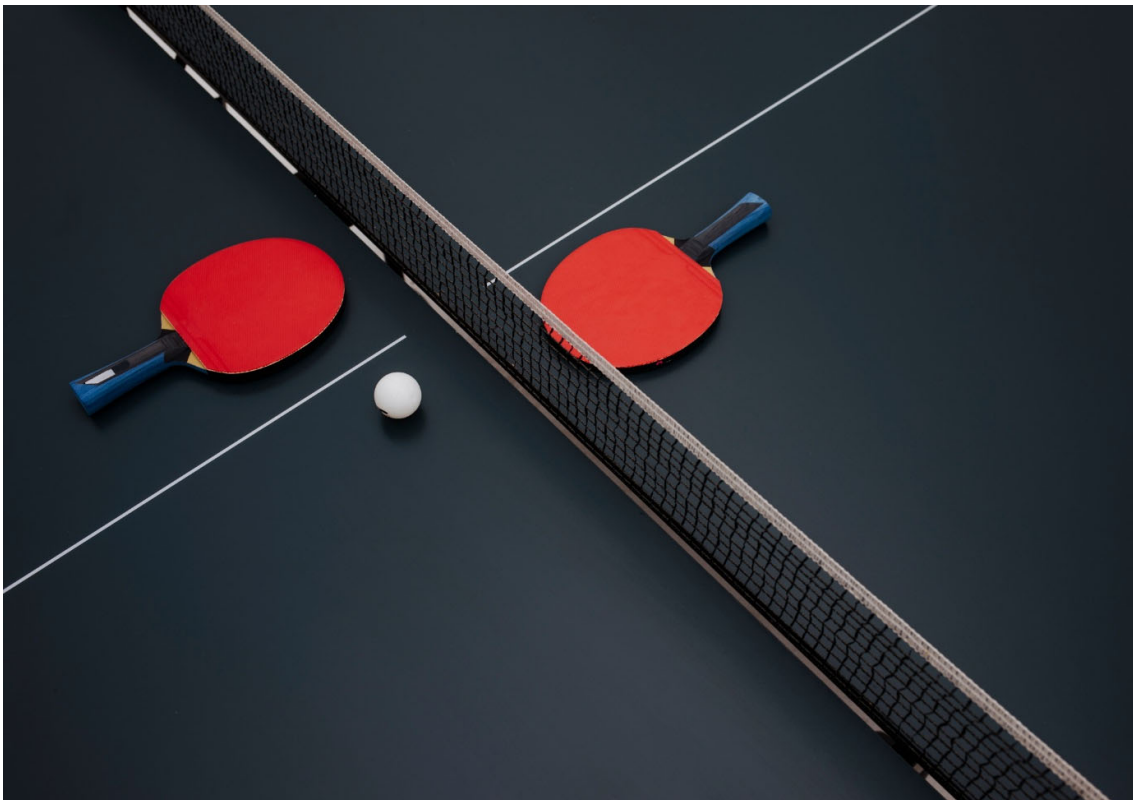
- Discipline
- Teamwork
- Concentration
- Focus

Termly Overview

Each term includes skill development sessions, practice games, and mini tournaments. Students learn techniques such as serving, spinning, positioning, and defending and attacking strategies. Friendly competitions and club tournaments allow students to apply their skills in a competitive but supportive setting.

How Does It Link to Future Careers?

Table tennis helps build qualities valued in many areas of life and work, such as discipline, perseverance, resilience and strategic thinking. These skills are useful not only in sports careers but also in academic and professional environments.



Textiles and Wellbeing Club

The Textiles and Wellbeing Club offers a calm, creative space where students can explore textile-based activities designed to support relaxation and mental wellbeing. Through firsthand projects, students are encouraged to slow down, focus and express themselves creatively while learning practical making skills.

What Knowledge/Skills Will I Gain?

- Creativity
- Patience
- Attention to detail
- Mindfulness

Termly Overview

Each term focuses on a themed design and make project. Students will move through the full creative process – from initial ideas and design planning to making and evaluating a finished piece. Projects may include items such as decorative textiles, personalised accessories or wellbeing-focused crafts.

How Does It Link to Future Careers?

This club supports progression into fashion, textile design and creative industries. It also builds transferable skills such as focus, problem-solving and creativity, which are valued across a wide range of careers.



Tuition

Targeted tuition sessions provide focused academic support to help students improve their understanding, close learning gaps and build confidence in key subjects. The sessions offer a calm and supportive environment where students can revisit classwork, ask questions, develop study skills and receive guidance from staff. Tuition groups are designed to help them achieve their academic goals.

What Knowledge/Skills Will I Gain?

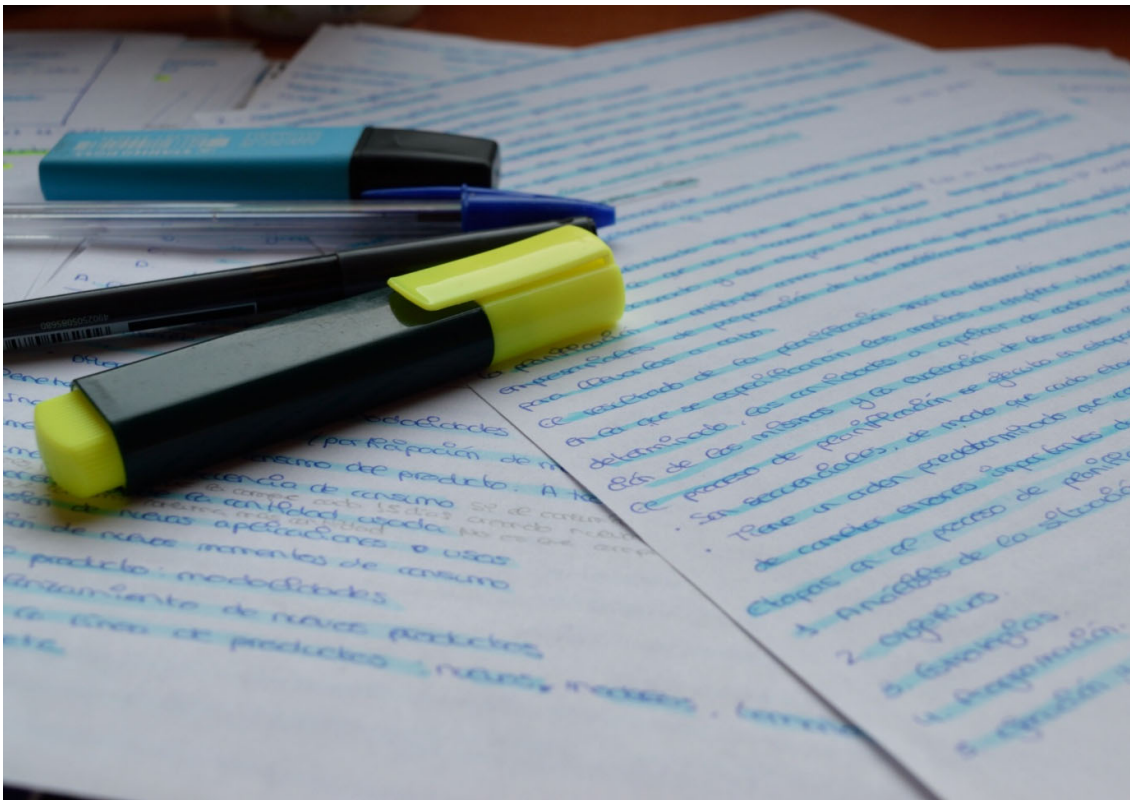
- Improved subject knowledge
- Confidence in tackling challenging topics
- Effective revision and study techniques
- Time management and organisational skills
- Communication skills

Termly Overview

Sessions are tailored to meet student needs, focusing on specific topics or skills that require improvement. This may include exam preparation, coursework support or reinforcement of classroom learning.

How Does It Link to Future Careers?

Tuition supports academic progression, helping students achieve their goals and access further education opportunities and career pathways.



3D Design Club

The 3D Design Club is a creative, hands-on activity where students learn to design and create 3D models using digital software. It allows students to explore their creativity while developing useful technical skills. Students will work on fun projects such as designing objects, characters or simple products.

What Knowledge/Skills Will I Gain?

- How to use 3D design software to create models
- Problem solving, creativity skills and attention to detail
- Learn basic design principles

Termly Overview

During the term, students will start by learning the basics of 3D design software. They will then move on to creating simple designs and gradually work on more detailed projects. By the end of the term, students may complete a final project, such as designing a product or model, which could be printed using a 3D printer if available.

How Does It Link to Future Careers?

3D design is used in many careers, including engineering, architecture, game design, animation and product design. This club helps build skills that are important for these careers, such as creativity, technical knowledge and problem solving. It can also support further study in subjects like Design & Technology, Engineering or computer science.



